

Statement

Agency-wise details of quantity of cotton released and exported during 1995-96 and for the current year as on date

(Quantity in lakh bales)

Agency/ Corporation	1995-96		1996-97	
	Quota	Released Actual Export	Quota	Released Actual Export
1. Maharashtra Fed.	4.20	4.166	1.00	0.285
2. Gujarat Fed.	1.15	1.070	1.00	
3. Punjab Fed.	0.15	0.138	0.25	
4. Haryana Fed.	0.05	0.047	0.05	
5. Rajasthan Fed.	0.10	—	0.15	
6. A.P. Fed.	0.15	0.034	1.00	
7. Tamil Nadu Fed.	—	—	—	
8. Karnataka Fed.	0.05	0.006	0.25	
9. M.P. Corp.	—	—	0.05	
10. A.P. Girijan	0.05	—	—	
11. M.P. Fed.	—	*0.089	0.10	
12. Punjab Spin Fed.	—	—	0.25	
*Spill over of 94-95				
Total	6.10	5.550	4.10	0.285

Simplification of ECB

1214. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have simplify the External Commercial Borrowing Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details simplification made in the External Commercial Borrowings Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) In June 1996, Government had issued a comprehensive set of guidelines on Policies and Procedures for External Commercial Borrowings (ECB), incorporating the latest modifications and the format for the application, aimed at increasing the transparency in the Policy and simplifying the procedure to give Indian Industry easier access to external funds to support investment and economic activity.

As a measure of further simplification and de-regulation for the benefit of corporates and Institutions and also to provide greater flexibility for small-sized borrowers, Government have delegated the sanctioning powers under the USD 3.00 million scheme to RBI with effect from 15th December, 1996.

[Translation]**Regional Rural Banks Functioning in U.P.**

1215. SHRI D.P. YADAV :

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of branches of Regional Rural Banks functioning in Uttar Pradesh and particularly in the rural areas of Sambhal;

(b) the amount of loan disbursed during the last two years;

(c) the percentage of such loans in comparison of total deposits in banks during the said period;

(d) whether loan of lacs of rupees has been provided in fake names;

(e) whether the Government have conducted an enquiry in this regard; and

(f) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) There are 40 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), functioning with 3035 branches, in Uttar Pradesh. Prathama Gramin Bank

operating in Moradabad district has 23 branches in rural areas of Sambhal.

(b) and (c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that loans disbursed by RRBs together with their percentage to total deposits at the end of March, 1995 and March, 1996 was, as given below :

(Rs. in lakhs)			
March, 1995		March, 1996	
Loans disbursed	% to total deposits	Loans disbursed	% to total deposits
42025	13.92	49094	12.89

In view of the huge accumulated losses position of these RRBs the paid up capital as also the deposits have been eroded substantially. As such the ratio of loans issued to deposits as detailed above may not reveal the true picture of the working of RRBs in the State.

(d) NABARD has informed that no such case has been reported to them, so far.

(e) and (f) Do not arise in view of '(d)' above.

[English]

Agricultural Loan

1216. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have got any survey done to know the demand for loan by the small and marginal farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken to provide adequate agricultural loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Working Group on Agriculture Credit and Cooperation set up by the Planning Commission for the formulation of IX Five Year Plan have, inter-alia, estimated the likely agricultural credit requirements of small and marginal farmers for the period 1997-98 to 2001-02 to be of the order of 47.25% of the total projected agricultural credit requirement for the corresponding period.

(c) With a view to ensure adequate and timely flow of credit to the agriculture sector, several steps have been taken by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) which include, inter-alia, the following :

(i) The commercial banks have been asked to increase the credit flow to agriculture by 25% during the year 1996-97, as compared to the previous year;

(ii) Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) which are partly meeting the credit requirements of small and marginal farmer in the rural areas are being given recapitalisation support;

(iii) Banks have been advised to set up specialised agricultural branches in each State to exclusively deal with high-tech agricultural advances;

(iv) Banks have been advised to extend cash credit facilities for meeting composite credit requirements of farmers having good track record;

(v) With a view to improving the access of small farmers to institutional credit, NABARD has advised co-operative banks to earmark funds in favour of small, marginal and economically weak farmers; and

(vi) NABARD has also advised banks that the credits requirements of those small and marginal farmers (generally upto 10% and upto 20% in Eastern and North-Eastern region) should be met in full.

Donations

1217. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Enforcement Directorate have been investigating the "donations" received by the various religious and political outfits in Jammu and Kashmir in violation of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973;

(b) if so, the details of such cases inquired into by the Enforcement Directorate during the last three years;

(c) the details of persons organisations formed guilty of FERA violation in the above cases; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has been investigating the donations received by Huriyat conference comprising of various religious and political outfits in Jammu and Kashmir under the provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 (FERA). Enquiries conducted against S/Shri Ashfak Hussain Lone and Shahabuddin Gauri, two of the members of the said outfits revealed that they had received and made payments to the tune of several lakhs of rupees in violation of the provisions of FERA.

(c) and (d) Adjudication proceedings have been initiated against the said S/Shri Ashfak Hussain Lone and Shahabuddin Gauri besides concurrent prosecution in the court of law.